

**Abstract**

A space-maintainer is created, which has a sleeve-shaped first part 1 and a second part 2 contained in this and displaceable in the axial direction relative to the first part. So that lengthwise adjustment is possible in a simple manner during the process of an operation, one of the parts has a toothed profile 22 extending parallel to the longitudinal axis of the parts and the other part has a toothed wheel 24 located in engagement with the toothed profile 22 for adjusting the total length.

(Fig. 2)